

Amendment "A"

Amendments to the claims

Please amend claims 6 and 12 as follows:

Claim 1 (original). An automated data entry method comprising:

entering a user information at a first location;

searching a storage medium at said first location to determine an identity of a user based on the entered information;

accessing a storage medium at a second location upon not being able to identify a user by searching the storage medium at said first location, said medium at the second location containing information for a plurality of users;

searching the storage medium at the second location to determine an identity of said user based on the entered information; and

retrieving additional information pertaining to the user from the storage medium at the first or second locations based on the determined identity.

Claim 2 (original). The method of claim 1 further comprising:

establishing communication from the first location to the second location by a programmable software application at the first location.

Claim 3 (original). The method of claim 2 wherein said software application is a browser plug-in module.

Claim 4 (original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first and second locations are connected to a network.

Claim 5 (original). The method of claim 4 wherein the network is the Internet.

1 Claim 6 (Currently amended). The method of claim 1 wherein the first and second
2 locations are respectively defined by a first website and a second website ~~websites~~.

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4 Claim 7 (original). The method of claim 6 wherein said first website is associated
5 with a vendor.

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7 Claim 8 (original). The method of claim 1 wherein the retrieved additional
8 information is presented to the user for verifying accuracy of said information.

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10 Claim 9 (original). The method of claim 8 further comprising the steps of:
11 verifying an accuracy of said retrieved additional information,
12 appending the additional information to the entered user information;
13 transmitting said entered information and said appended additional
14 information; and
15 processing said transmitted information to complete a transaction.

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17 Claim 10 (original). The method of claim 9 wherein the user selects portions of the
18 additional information for transmission.

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20 Claim 11 (original). The method of claim 2 wherein the application is further
21 programmable to search a database associated with the first location.

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1 Claim 12 (Currently amended). A system comprising:

2 a first website corresponding to a vendor of products or services, said first
3 website having a storage medium containing user information corresponding to a
4 plurality of individuals;

5 a second website having a storage medium containing user information
6 corresponding to a plurality of individuals;

7 a network connecting said first and second websites; and

8 a user station connected to the network, the first website comprising a
9 software application being programmable to communicate with the second website
10 and to search and to retrieve user information from the storage medium at the first
11 and second websites in response to information entered through a user interface of
12 the user station, and wherein the software application is further programmed to
13 determine the identity of a user by way of matching the information entered through
14 the user interface of the user station to user information contained on the respective
15 storage mediums of the first and second websites.

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17 Claim 13 (original). The system of claim 12 wherein the network is the Internet.

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19 Claim 14 (original). The system of claim 12, wherein said first website presents a
20 plurality of products or services offered by a vendor.

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22 Claim 15 (original). The system of claim 14, wherein said first website includes links
23 to additional information pertaining to said products or services.

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25 Claim 16 (original). The system of claim 12, wherein said first website facilitates a
transaction between the user and the vendor.

1 Claim 17 (original). The system of claim 12, wherein said first website contains
2 information pertaining to a plurality of users.

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4 Claim 18 (original). The system of claim 12, wherein the user selects at least one
5 product or service for purchase from the vendor.

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7 Claim 19 (original). The system of claim 18, wherein a user selection is displayed to
8 the user.

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10 Claim 20 (original). The system of claim 19, wherein the user is prompted to enter
11 information for shipping and billing purposes.

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13 (End of Amendment "A".)

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